

"An Act making an appropriation to pay per diem pay of members and per diem pay of officers and employes of the Second Called Session of the Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Texas, convened September 5, 1901, by proclamation of the Governor."

Respectfully,

LEE J. ROUNTREE,
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

SENATE BILLS NOS. 2 AND 3—
SIGNED.

The President Pro Tempore gave notice of signing, and did sign, in the presence of the Senate, after their caption had been read,

Senate bill No. 2, "An Act making an appropriation to defray the contingent expenses of the Second Called Session of the Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Texas, convened September 5, 1901, by proclamation of the Governor."

Senate bill No. 3, "An Act making an appropriation to pay per diem pay of members and per diem pay of officers and employes of the Second Called Session of the Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Texas, convened September 5, 1901, by proclamation of the Governor."

NOTIFICATION OF GOVERNOR—
RESOLUTION PROVIDING
FOR.

By unanimous consent, Senator Potter offered the following resolution:

Whereas, The Senate has completed for the time being the work of the Second Special Session submitted to it by the Governor, and has no further business before it; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the President appoint a committee of three to wait upon the Governor and notify him of the situation, and ask his further pleasure in the premises.

The resolution was read, and

Senator Dibrell offered the following amendment:

"Amend by adding thereto the following: 'But this resolution shall not be construed by the Governor to indicate that the Legislature desires the submission of any further subjects for Legislation.'"

(The amendment was accepted by the author of the resolution—Senator Potter.)

The amendment was read, and adopted.

RECESS.

Senator Sebastian moved that the Senate recess until 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow (Thursday, September 12.)

The motion prevailed by the following vote, leaving the foregoing resolution by Senator Potter pending:

Yeas—13.

Beaty.	Lipscomb.
Davidson of	Neal.
Galveston.	Savage.
Dibrell.	Sebastian.
Goss.	Wayland.
Hanger.	Wilson.
Harris of Hunt.	Yett.

Nays—8.

Davidson of	Potter.
DeWitt.	Stafford.
Grinnan.	Turner.
Lloyd.	Wheeler.
Miller.	

Absent.

Harris of Bexar.	Patterson.
James.	Paulus.
Johnson.	Staples.
McGee.	Turney.
Odell.	

Absent—Excused.

Swann.

AFTER RECESS.

(President Pro Tempore Senator Davidson—ad interim—in the chair.)

Pending action on the foregoing resolution, which was offered on yesterday, the 11th inst., by Senator Potter and amended by Senator Dibrell, the same was withdrawn.

COMMITTEE REPORT.

By unanimous consent, the following committee report was made to the Senate:

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, September 11, 1901.

Hon. J. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 1, being a bill to be entitled "An Act making appropriations for the support of the State government for two years beginning September 1, 1901, and ending August 31, 1903, and for other purposes,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.

BEATY, Chairman.

EXCUSED.

On motion of Senator Dibrell, Senator Turney was excused for non-attendance upon the Senate on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week on account of important business.

On motion of Senator Wheeler, Sena-

tor Harris of Bexar was excused from attendance upon the Senate today and indefinitely on account of important business.

On motion of Senator Beaty, Senator Miller was excused from attendance upon the Senate today and the remainder of the week on account of important business.

On motion of Senator Stafford, Senator Paulus was excused from attendance upon the Senate today and the remainder of the week on account of important business.

On motion of Senator Wheeler, Senator Grinnan was excused from attendance upon the Senate today and the remainder of the week, on account of important business.

MARRIAGE OF SENATOR TURNER— RESOLUTION RELATING TO.

Senators Neal and Potter introduced the following simple resolution:

Whereas, It is currently reported that our honored brother, Senator D. McNeill Turner, is in the near future to pass from a single estate to one of connubial bliss; and,

Whereas, We, his brother members of the Senate rejoice in his good fortune, and wish him all success and happiness possible; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we cordially invite our said esteemed brother to honor this body by arranging for his happy union to take place within the bar of the Senate Chamber.

The resolution was read, and

On motion of Senator Sebastian, was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

By unanimous consent, the following committee reports were made to the Senate:

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, September 11, 1901.

Hon. J. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 2, being "An Act making appropriation to defray the contingent expenses of the Second Called Session of the Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Texas, convened September 5, 1901, by proclamation of the Governor,"

And find the same correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 4:35 o'clock p. m., presented the same to the Governor for his approval.

WHEELER, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, September 11, 1901.

Hon. J. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 3, being "An Act making an appropriation to pay per diem pay of members and per diem pay of officers and employes of the Second Called Session of the Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Texas, convened September 5, 1901, by proclamation of the Governor,"

And find the same correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 4:35 o'clock p. m., presented the same to the Governor for his approval.

WHEELER, Acting Chairman.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By unanimous consent, the following concurrent resolution was introduced:

By Senators Dibrell and Savage:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 3, to provide for the appointment of a joint committee to investigate the various departments of the State government during vacation, and to report to the Governor and the next Legislature such data as may be gathered by them.

Section 1. Whereas, It is essential to the proper conduct of government that uniformity of service with commensurate pay should be had in all the State departments, to the end that efficiency may be fairly awarded and favoritism suppressed; and,

Whereas, The constantly increasing cost of government demands a rigid investigation of the method of expending the public money in the different institutions and departments, that the Legislature and the Executive may be fully informed as to where expenditures may be curtailed and efficiency promoted; and,

Whereas, The Constitution of the State of Texas clearly implies that all positions of trust and emolument in this State should be created by and compensation fixed by legislative enactment, and to that end that so far as it is practicable that civil service reform may be had in our several departments and institutions, thereby securing to the State the maximum of efficiency in results, together with the now generally expressed belief that irregularity prevails in the management of many of said institutions, which recent developments tend to warrant well founded.

Sec. 2. Therefore, be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, That a joint committee of

nine, to be composed of four Senators and five members of the House of Representatives, be appointed by the presiding officers of the two houses, respectively.

Said committee shall be authorized to act during vacation, and shall have the power to send for persons and papers, administer oaths and compel the attendance of witnesses.

Said committee shall have the power and it is hereby made its duty to visit and thoroughly investigate each and every department and institution which is or may be in any way or manner connected with the State either by the Constitution, statute or contract, and to this end said committee is hereby authorized and empowered to examine books and papers, administer oaths, and compel the attendance of witnesses to testify relative to all matters pertaining to the affairs of State within the scope of their power now granted. Said committee shall have authority to employ such service as in its discretion may be regarded as essential to the speedy carrying into effect this resolution.

The committee herein provided for will make a report in full of its findings, recommendations and conclusions as provided for in Section 1 of this resolution.

Sec. 3. Said committee shall be convened at the call of the chairman, who shall be chosen by a majority of said joint committee, or said call may be had by a majority of said committee making a written request of said chairman, whereupon it shall become his duty to make such call. As compensation for services rendered, said members of said conjoint committee shall be \$5.00 per day for actual services and such traveling expenses as are actually incurred, and the itemized account of such members, filed under oath, properly approved by the chairman of such committee, with the Comptroller, shall be sufficient authority for him to draw his warrant against the treasury for the amount so due. Which said sums shall be paid from the contingent expense fund of the two houses.

Sec. 4. Said committee may, in its discretion, sit as a whole or in sections for the purpose of investigation; provided, however, that all findings, recommendations and conclusions shall emanate from the committee sitting as a whole.

The resolution was read second time, and

Senator Savage offered the following amendment:

"Amend by adding the following: 'and if it becomes necessary to take testimony of inmates of penitentiaries or the State Reformatory, such evidence may be taken in the absence of superintendents and employes of said institutions.'"

The amendment was read, and pending further consideration, same was withdrawn, and

Senator Patterson offered the following amendment:

"Insert after the word 'service' and before the word 'as,' in line 16 of Section 2, the following: 'of a stenographer; provided, that not more than one stenographer shall be employed at one time by said committee.'"

The amendment was read, and adopted.

The resolution as amended was then unanimously adopted.

Senator Dibrell moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and lay that motion on the table.

The motion to table prevailed.

ADJOURNMENT.

Senator Goss moved that the Senate stand adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m. Monday, September 16.

The motion prevailed, and the Senate, at 11:30 o'clock a. m., adjourned accordingly.

FIFTH DAY.

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Tex., Monday, Sept. 16, 1901.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

President Pro Tempore Davidson (ad interim) in the chair.

The roll was called, no quorum being present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Beaty.	Savage.
Davidson of	Sebastian.
DeWitt.	Staples.
Dibrell.	Swann.
Goss.	Turner.
Grinnan.	Wayland.
Johnson.	Wheeler.
Lipscomb.	Wilson.
Patterson.	

Absent.

Davidson of	Neal.
Galveston.	Odell.
Hanger.	Paulus.
Harris of Hunt.	Potter.
James.	Stafford.
Lloyd.	Turney.
McGee.	Yett.
Miller.	

Absent—Excused.

Harris of Bexar.

ADJOURNMENT.

The foregoing roll call having developed no quorum,

Senator Savage moved that the Senate stand adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

The motion prevailed, and the Senate,